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Prior application:

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**REQUEST FOR A CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) a  
(X) continuation application of:  
{ divisional application of:

**Pending Prior Application**

Application Serial No. 09/791,332 filed 2/23/2001.

Title CAPILLARY COLUMN SEALING TECHNIQUE

Name of applicant(s) David RITTENHOUSE

**Copy of Application**

- ( ) Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the drawings.  
(X) Enclosed is a new specification, including new drawings.

**Oath or Declaration**

- (X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration (37 CFR 1.63(d)).  
( ) Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration (original or copy).

**Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119**

- ( ) Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.  
( ) The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed \_\_\_\_\_.  
( ) A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy of the foreign application will be provided in due course.

**Relate Back - 35 USC 120**

This is a (X) continuation ( ) divisional of copending application Serial No. 09/791,332  
filed on 2/23/2001, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated into this application by reference.

- (X) The above priority information is also recited in the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

Inventorship Statement

- ( ) Delete the following named individuals as inventors in this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b) as a result of a change in the claimed subject matter:

Appointment of Associate Attorney

- ( ) Recognize as Associate Attorney or Agent \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) authorization is hereby granted by signature below of the Attorney or Agent of record  
( ) the Associate Attorney or Agent shall not have the authority to appoint other Attorneys or Agents

Communications

(X) Address all future communications to: Direct telephone calls to:

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Fee Calculation

(X) The filing fee calculated below is for an (X) Utility, ( ) Design application, and based on the claims remaining after entry of the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

| CLAIMS AS FILED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY         |                     |                     |             |               |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------|
| (1)<br>FOR   | (2)<br>NUMBER FILED | (3)<br>NUMBER EXTRA | (4)<br>RATE | (5)<br>TOTALS |
| TOTAL CLAIMS   | 4 — 20              | 0                   | X \$18      | \$ 0          |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS                                   | 1 — 3               | 0                   | X \$86      | \$ 0          |
| ANY MULTIPLE<br>DEPENDENT CLAIMS                     | 0                   |                     | \$290       | \$ 0          |
| BASIC FEE: Design ( \$340.00 ); Utility ( \$770.00 ) |                     |                     |             | \$ 770        |
| TOTAL FILING FEE                                     |                     |                     |             | \$ 770        |
| TOTAL CHARGES TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT                     |                     |                     |             | \$ 770        |

Charge \$ 770 to Deposit Account 50-1078. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 50-1078 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 50-1078 under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, 1.19, 1.20 and 1.21. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

David RITTENHOUSE

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